Helping you achieve professional growth

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I just want to take a few moments to welcome you to the Mid-Missouri AALAS branch. My name is Christal Huber and I am the branch president. I am so excited that our goal of reactivating our branch has become a reality. But it wouldn’t be without the hard work and effort of those in the Executive Branch. We hope to have more opportunities for others to become involved in the future, because without all of you this branch would not be possible. I hope to get the opportunity to meet everyone throughout the course of the next year, until then here is a bit about me.

I grew up on a small farm in St. Paul MO and realized that I wanted to have a career that involved animals, I just didn’t know what that was yet. So I began my quest in high school working at a vet clinic. In 2004 I graduated from Mizzou with my BS in Animal Science and began working at the St. Louis Zoo as a zookeeper. A year later I began my career in laboratory animal sciences as a vet tech at Sinclair Research Center. While here I obtained my RLAT and developed an interest towards training. In 2010 I took a position as a Research Specialist at the University of Missouri, managing Dr. Lubahn’s lab in the biochemistry department. Here I managed his colony of ER and Tramp mice and a slew of undergrads. I also obtained my RLATG at this time and began my Master’s program in Agriculture Education and Leadership. In 2011 I moved once again back to Sinclair to become their first Training Coordinator. Since then I’ve attended ILAM, obtained my CMAR and have become active in Science Outreach. I live in Hallsville with my 11 year old Will, who also keeps me busy with his 4-H projects, plays and swimming. Along with our Great Dane, Stewie, two cats Key-Key and Abu, and a crested gecko Stevie.
Getting the most from our branch starts with you!

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Dr. Laura Tambrallo, DVM.MS.DACLAM
Dr. Tambrallo has a long history of working in the lab animal science industry. She started out at Louisiana State University where she got her Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science and then her DVM. After a few years of her own veterinarian practice in New Orleans, Louisiana, she decided that the lab animal route was the way she wanted to go so she received her Lab Animal Medicine degree at the University of Missouri. With this education, she took a job as Director of Animal Resources at the College of Pharmacy and Boyd Graduate Studies, University of Georgia in Athens. She then moved her lab animal skills to Augusta, Georgia, where she became the Director of Laboratory Animal Services at the Medical College of Georgia. At the time she also worked for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center as a Veterinary Medical Officer. Later she moved to Auburn, Alabama. There she became a University Veterinarian and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Pathobiology at Auburn University.

As of today, Dr. Tambrallo works for Merial as the Head of Animal Science and Welfare in Fulton, Missouri at the Missouri Research Center. She lives in Columbia, Missouri with her son and her labor-doodle. She’s a closet computer nerd, collects fountain pens and her favorite animal is the Guinea Pig. When I asked her what her goal in life was, she said “To find out what she was going to have for lunch that day,” then she backed that up with, “oh and for my children to be happy”.

Upcoming Events!!

AALAS Study Group
20Jun13 5:30-6:30pm
RADIL, Columbia MO
More info/future dates goerndta@missouri.edu rbethunec@missouri.edu

Prison Tour
29Jun13 4-6pm
Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, MO
Speaker Ron Tessman
19Sep13 5:30pm
Non-stressful cattle handling

AALAS MEMBERS ON LOCKDOWN!
WHAT: More Talking, Less Walking 2-hour Prison Tour
WHEN: Sat, June 29, 2013 from 4p-6p
WHERE: Missouri State Penitentiary-115 Lafayette Jefferson City, MO
BEFORE/AFTER: http://www.prisonbrews.com/
DETAILS:
EAT, DRINK, REFRESH!!:
Cameras are welcome.
No one under the age of 10 is allowed on the tour.
Wear comfortable shoes. No sandals please.
If raining, bring umbrellas. We keep you in the buildings longer and the prison takes on a whole different look when weather is gloomy and dark rather than bright and sunny.
Dress for the weather. There is no heat or air conditioning in the prison.
Everyone must stay with the group at all times. The exception is if some do not want to tour the gas chamber or the underground cells. No one is ever forced to go somewhere they choose not to go.
Release Waiver is attached. This waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian of each child going on the tour. If it is not signed that child will not be allowed on the tour. (State’s rules). All adults sign the Release Waiver for themselves. With a small group like yours, you can either make copies or sign the waiver at the prison ahead of the tour.
You pay on arrival by check payable to: Jeff City CVB or correct change cash. $12 per person.
Please note: We DO NOT bring a bag of money to make change.

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